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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Harold H. Saunders
National Security Council

SUBJECT : Soviet Military Aid to Selected Arab Countries

1. The attached memorandum, prepared in response to your request of 21 July 1966, discusses Soviet military aid extended and delivered since 1950 to the Arab countries of Algeria, Iraq, Syria, the UAR, and Yemen. If we can provide any additional information or further explanation of the data, please call on us.

2. The memorandum concludes that military aid continues to play an important role in Soviet activities in the area, even though the increased intensity of Soviet support for the "liberated" Arab states probably is most apparent in the economic, political, and propaganda activities of the USSR. The recent decline in the trend of military aid deliveries merely indicates that the flow of military assistance is determined by numerous factors. Once an initial arms agreement has been concluded, the level of deliveries in subsequent years becomes a function of the absorptive capacity of the receiving country's military establishment and the cyclical pattern of replacement of obsolete and depreciated equipment.

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